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Israel

In a debate between Prime Minister Menahem Begin and Labor Party Chairman Shim'on Peres, a recording of which was broadcast by Jerusalem television, the prime minister spoke of the government's "redeeming decision" to destroy Iraq's nuclear reactor, claiming that Iraqi President Saddam Husayn's recent appeal to the Arabs for assistance in producing nuclear arms with which to attack Israel showed the real danger to the State of Israel. Peres responded that he has no doubt that Iraq wants a nuclear bomb and that Israel must act against it. But he asserted, without elaborating, that his views on the best way to proceed are fundamentally different from Begin's. He charged that Begin had put Egyptian President Anwar as-Sadat in an intolerable and unnecessary situation by meeting with him 3 days prior to the bombing, to which Begin responded that he could not divulge a confidential military secret to As-Sadat that might have endangered lives. Responding to Begin's remarks that Israel will allow U.S. special envoy Philip Habib to exhaust the political process in his efforts to end the Syrian missile crisis but will use military means to remove the missiles if they are not moved through diplomatic means, Peres said the Alignment would allow the political process to run its course without inflammatory speeches. Questioned on the suspension of the autonomy talks, Peres said he is ready to begin negotiations on autonomy in the Gaza Strip at once. He mentioned two serious problems concerning the negotiations: Israel's narrow width from the Mediterranean Sea to the West Bank and resultant security problems; the size of the non-Jewish population in the West Bank. The prime minister pointed out that the Egyptians had suspended the autonomy talks until after the elections, and he revealed that Israel has a proposal to make regarding the autonomy.

Multinational Force

According to Cairo radio, Egyptian vice president Husni Mubarak announced that Egypt, Israel and the United States will sign the agreement on the establishment of the multinational force in the Sinai on 5 July in London. Jerusalem radio reported that the agreement will then be submitted to the governments of the three signatories for their approval. According to IDF radio, the force will include ground units as well as air and sea patrols. It reported that the supervisory force will be composed of some 2,500 soldiers, approximately 1,000 of whom will be American, and said the establishment and maintenance of the force will be financed by all three countries. It also said experts will assess the value of the installations that the IDF will leave behind in the Sinai and this sum will be deducted from Israel's share. MENA reported that the multinational force will not exceed 2,000 men.

Iran

KEYHAN on Presidential Election--According to Tehran radio, the daily KEYHAN reported that Interior Minister Mohammad Reza Mahdavi-Kani disclosed that he has asked the Provisional Presidential Council to postpone the presidential election for 1 week so that his ministry can carry out the necessary preparations. KYEHAN also reported that political circles have been mentioning Prime Minister Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i as a possible candidate, and it speculated that the Islamic Republican Party and other fundamentalist groups will nominate a joint candidate for the presidency.

Rafsanjani on Armed Forces--In remarks at Kerman airport, reported by Tehran radio, Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani claimed that Iran's military commanders have said they are more at ease now and have been "saved from walking the tightrope" by the dismissal of Bani-Sadr as president and armed forces commander. Rafsanjani said the morale of the armed forces is much stronger now than it was 2 weeks ago.

Kurdish Attack, Government Reprisals--Tehran radio reported that Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) peshmerga opened fire at civilians and revolutionary guards attending a funeral ceremony in Mahabad. Six people were killed and many wounded, including the governor of the city, which is in the heart of Iranian Kordestan. The radio reported on 26 June that eight "counterrevolutionaries" and members of "illegal armed groups" were executed in Urumiyeh at dawn on charges related to the incident and to the KDP-sponsored armed uprising against the Islamic Republic.

Lebanese Crisis

Security Situation--Beirut radio reported that in a telephone conversation Lebanese President Ilyas Sarkis and Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad agreed to stop the situation from deteriorating further in and around Zahlah by consolidating the cease-fire agreements. The radio said a new cease-fire would take effect in Zahlah on the afternoon of 25 June, and the Voice of Lebanon radio later confirmed that the cease-fire had taken effect. Earlier, the Voice of Lebanon reported that the inhabitants of Zahlah had appealed to the International Red Cross for medical assistance and to put a stop to the "massacre." Describing the situation in their city as "very grave," they said that Syrian shelling over a 20-hour period had killed 6 persons and wounded 40, many of whose lives are in danger without outside medical help. Beirut radio reported that shells also fell intermittently on the Christian-held Kasrawan area, north of Beirut.

Habib Mission--Beirut radio reported that U.S. special envoy Philip Habib left Beirut for Washington. Noting that Habib said he will resume his mission after the Israeli elections, the Syrian daily TISHRIN said Habib has been making efforts in the wrong direction. In its commentary, reported by Damascus radio, TISHRIN asserted that the U.S. viewpoint on the Lebanese crisis is identical to that of Israel. The United States accepts the Israeli argument that Syria's SAM missiles in the Al-Biqa' valley threaten Israeli security, even though Syria launches the missiles only against hostile planes that threaten its deterrent forces, which are legitimately in Lebanon in accordance with Lebanese, Arab and international approval. On the other hand, TISHRIN went on, the United States believes that Israel threatens no one and considers all its aggressive acts to be legitimate. TISHRIN said Syria will receive Habib again, but the U.S. diplomat will hear what he has heard before since Syria will not change its stand. The United States, not Syria, must change its position, TISHRIN concluded.

Syria, PLO Solidarity Conference

The international conference for solidarity with Syria and the Palestinian revolution, meeting in Damascus, issued a resolution on Palestine condemning Israeli policies in the Middle East, U.S. support for Israel and Israeli cooperation with South Africa. The resolution, carried textually by Damascus radio, called on the UN Security Council to take the necessary measures, including the imposition of sanctions against Israel, to compel it to respect and implement the UN resolutions on the Palestinian issue. It also called on the public of West Europe to persuade the West European governments to adopt a sound stand on the Palestinian issue and not to follow U.S. policies. The radio also broadcast a resolution denouncing the Camp David accords and U.S. policy in the Middle East and voicing support for the Arab liberation movement. It expressed deep appreciation for the strategic alliance between the Arab liberation movement and states headed by the Soviet Union.

Libyan-Sudanese Relations

JANA reported that Libya has decided to close its mission in Khartoum and the Sudanese Embassy in Tripoli in view of Sudan's departure from Arab unanimity, its violation of the Baghdad conference resolutions and its reception of Egyptian President Anwar as-Sadat.

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TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH SOVIET UNION IN KABUL

LD260717 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0448 GMT 25 Jun 81

[Text] Kabul, 24 Jun (BAKHTAR)--A contract for the delivery of 60 thousand tons of sugar between the department of petroleum products and sugar of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and Vostokintorg Company of the Soviet Union was recently concluded here. Under this contract, the Soviet Union will supply 15 thousand tons of sugar as gratis aid to the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. Another 5,000 tons of sugar will be delivered to the Afghan side on consumer loan basis under easy terms. It is planned to import one hundred thousand tons of sugar into Afghanistan during the current year. The imports this year will thus surpass last year's figure by 30 thousand tons, showing an increase of 43 percent. These increased imports not only will totally meet present needs of the country but will also make it possible to reserve an adequate amount of sugar to meet the future needs.

BRIEFS

GOLABZOY AT SARANDOY CEREMONY--For the first time the state has awarded sarandoy officer ranks to those sarandoy [Russian-trained police] who have exhibited heroism against the bands of counterrevolutionaries who have been hurled against our country from abroad. Sayyed Mohammad Golabzoy, minister of the interior, attended and addressed the meeting held yesterday at the sarandoy No 1 standby unit to celebrate the distribution of officer cards to the troops. [Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 24 Jun 81 LD]

REBELS CRUSHED--Kabul, 18 Jun (BAKHTAR)--Several bandits who were disrupting the peaceful life of the people in Bagram District, Parvan Province and Noorzai Village of Chardarra District of Qonduz Province have been recently crushed by the security forces and the party activists. Their ringleader, Ramed Noor Aqa, resident of Bagram, was captured and is under interrogation. Diverse arms and ammunistions were captured from the miscreants. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0500 19 Jun 81 LD] Kabul, 20 Jun (BAKHTAR)--In continuation of the mopping-up operations, large groups of counter-revolutionary elements have been completely wiped out recently in the suburbs of Gozareh and Enjil Districts of Herat Province and in Andkhvoy District of Faryab Province. The ringleader of these groups were arrested and a quantity of arms were captured from these murderers and robbers. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0520 GMT 21 Jun 81 LD]

ARMS CONFISCATED--Kabul, 21 Jun (BAKHTAR)--A large cache of arms and ammunition was confiscated from groups of bandits by the security forces in Tora Bora Region of Chapliar Khwar Subdistrict of Nangarhar Province. The confiscated arms include various heavy arms such as 22-mm anti-aircraft batteries, recoilless guns, mortars, anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, and hundreds of boxes of other heavy and light arms. Tora Bora, which is located at the foot of Spin Ghor Mountain, is one of the main routes of supply of ammunitions and the export of robbers and murderers to Afghanistan. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0442 GMT 22 Jun 81 LD]

SOLDIERS TO CONTINUE FIGHT--The heroic troops of 141 Naghlu Unit, whose term of military service has expired, have volunteered not to lay down their arms and to continue their sacred work until the enemies of the revolution are completely eliminated. At a meeting on 17 Jun attended by the heroic officers and men at Naghlu, some of the brave troops of that unit whose terms of military service have expired made speeches on behalf of their colleagues and shed light on the lofty objectives of the Sawr Revolution and the humanitarian aims of our party and revolutionary government. Similarly, the troops of Ma'ruf District in Qandahar Province who have completed their military service volunteered at a meeting day before yesterday to continue their sacred military service until the counterrevolutionary bands were completely eliminated. [Text] [Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 20 Jun 81 LD] Kabul, 21 Jun (BAKHTAR)--The soldiers of border forces of Badakhshan Province and the operative battalion of Jowzjan Province of the DRA in meetings have declared their decision to continue their military service till the complete annihilation of counterrevolutionaries. They said that they would continue their rightful and just struggle for the sake of the defence of territorial integrity, independence and the sovereignty of the country and to secure the gains of the new revolutionary phase of the April Revolution. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0430 GMT 22 Jun 81 LD]

REBELS REPORTEDLY RAID CHITTAGONG POLICE STATION

BK251355 Hong Kong AFP in English 1345 GMT 25 Jun 81

[Text] Dacca, 26 Jun (AFP)--About 300 armed rebels Tuesday raided a police station in the southeastern district of Chittagong and looted the armoury after a 2-hour-long exchange of fire with police, the Bengali daily ITTEFAQ, quoting official sources, reported today. The report did not identify the armed attackers, but said the rebels looted arms including one light machinegun and 23 rifles. Twenty-four policemen resisting the attack reportedly surrendered after one of their colleages was killed in the shooting. The incident took place in Lohagora police station, about 40 miles from Chittagong, where President Ziaur Rahman was killed in a short-lived military rebellion last month. The report said the rebels freed the 24 surrendered policemen before going into hideouts with the looted arms and ammunition.

Second Incident Reported

BK260642 Hong Kong AFP in English 0558 GMT 26 Jun 81

[Excerpts] Dacca, 26 Jun (AFP)--Fourteen persons were killed and 12 others wounded when miscreants attacked a rehabilitation camp Thursday in the troubled tribal area of Chittagong hill tracts in southeast Bangladesh, newspapers reported today.

This is the second armed offensive during the current week by the armed miscreants, the term generally used to describe the tribal guerrillas belonging to underground terrorist organisation Shanti Bahini (peace force), which is demanding autonomy for the hilly and forest tribal areas bordering the Burma and Indian states of Assam and Mizoram.

The rehabilitation camps, set up by the government in the 1960's and early 70's for settling landless peasants from the plains in the fertile and under-populated tribal areas, were one of the main targets of the terrorist Shanti Bahini, reportedly led by a former parliament member Manabendra Narayan Larma.

The two armed assaults within a week is believed to be an indication that Shanti Bahini had reactivated themselves following the abortive coup in Chittagong.

PRIME MINISTER DEFENDS GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM

BK260135 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 25 Jun 81

[Excerpt] Leader of the House and Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman has said we believe in peaceful transfer of power and the multiparty system of government. He was speaking on the national budget for the next fiscal year in Jatiya Sangsad [parliament]. This evening, Speaker Gholam Hafiz was in the chair.

The prime minister said the people of the country have given their verdict in favor of the presidential form of government during the last presidential election, and there is no justification for reopening this settled issue. The present form of government in the country is a happy combination of the presidential and parliamentary forms of government and is fully democratic. It does not concentrate all powers in the president. In matters of legislation, our Jatiya Sangsad is more powerful than even the American Congress. It has unrestricted power of legislation. A bill passed by this parliament cannot be vetoed by the president.

The prime minister said both the presidential and the parliamentary forms of government are democratic and the opposition is raising the issue only to confuse the people.

The leader of the house said our constitution is now more democratic than the French and U.S. constitutions. The undemocratic provisions of the constitution were changed through martial law regulations after President Zia came into power.

AWAMI LEAGUE TO FIGHT FOR PEOPLE'S RIGHTS

BK251111 Dacca THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English 22 Jun 81 pp 1, 8

[Excerpt] Mymensingh, 21 Jun--Awami League President Sheikh Hasina Sunday declared that her party will launch a movement for a sovereign parliament through unfettered parliamentary elections and for restoration of democratic rights of the people, reports ENA.

Addressing a mammoth public meeting at the circuit house maidan [compound] on Sunday afternoon, the Awami League president called upon the people to rally under the banner of her party and participate in the movement for restoration of fundamental rights of the people.

She said the Awami League believes that people are the source of power and therefore fundamental rights of the people must be restored at all costs.

Sheikh Hasina promised that she would sacrifice her life for implementation of the ideals and programmes of her father.

She reiterated that Sheikh Mujib was killed by imperialist forces in connivance with some of their local agents and a handful of army personnel. She said her father was killed at a time when he announced the programme of the second revolution aimed at economic emancipation of the masses.

She said the conditions of the workers and peasants did not improve but deteriorated after the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Sheikh Hasina paid tribute to those who suffered while trying to avenge the killing of bangabandhu. She said she would remain with those who are still suffering in jails and "outside the country."

HUANG HUA ARRIVES IN DELHI ON OFFICIAL VISIT

BK260319 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 26 Jun 81

[Excerpt] Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua, who arrived in New Delhi this morning, has expressed the hope that his visit will lead to better mutual understanding and further development of the relations between India and China. External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao received Mr Huang at the airport, saying: We welcome you wholeheartedly to India. The plane which flew Mr Huang Hua and his wife from Hong Kong on a 5-day official visit to India arrived shortly after 2 a.m.--20 minutes earlier than scheduled.

In a statement at the airport, Mr Huang said that he is looking forward to have sincere, frank and friendly discussions with Narasimha Rao and other Indian leaders and explore ways for further developing bilateral relations. Referring to the age-old friendship between the two countries, he said: As close neighbors, we have maintained friendly contacts and lived in harmony for a long time in history. Mr Huang pointed out that the two sides have much in common, and both are faced with the task of maintaining world peace and building up their countries. We should learn from each other, deepen our understanding and promote friendly relations and cooperation, he added.

Talks Begin 26 Jun

BK260953 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 26 Jun 81

[Text] The first round of talks between the foreign ministers of India and China began in New Delhi today. The talks, which were scheduled to start at 1030, were held 45 minutes behind the schedule. This was done to give more time to the Chinese foreign minister to rest as he had arrived in the capital early this morning. Narasimha Rao received Huang Hua on his arrival at the south block with 10 other members of his delegation. After posing for scores of news cameramen, the two foreign ministers met for 10 minutes without aides which was followed by a full delegation-level meeting. At the talks, Narasimha Rao was assisted by Foreign Secretary R.D. Sathe; Eric Gonsalves, secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs; K.S. Bajpai, India's ambassador to China; V.V. Paranjpe, India's ambassador to South Korea; J.N. Dixit, joint secretary of the external publicity; and other senior officials. Huang Hua was assisted by Chen Zhaoyuen, director in the Chinese Foreign Office; Chinese Ambassador Shen Jian; and other high officials.

CENTER ASKS NORTHEAST REGION TO BE VIGILANT

BK251623 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 25 Jun 81

[Text] The center has asked the state governments of northeastern region to take steps to check infiltration along the Indo-Bangladesh border. The state governments of Assam, Tripura and Meghalaya have been asked to strictly enforce the orders issued in 1971 in this regard. The orders require that every householder should report to the officer in charge at the nearest police station about the arrival or presence of any foreigner who is found in the premises or in the vicinity.

BRIEFS

CONTRACTS IN DPRK, LAOS--An Indian concern has been awarded a 40.4 million rupee contract to set up a pilot plant and a training center for the production of integrated circuits in the DPRK. The contract in such a sophisticated field has been given for the first time to an Indian concern. [Text] [Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 25 Jun 81 BK] The public sector water and power consultancy services limited has bagged a contract for an irrigation project in Laos. The consultancy job for the World Bank-aided project in the country is worth about $300,000. [Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 25 Jun 81 BK]

PALME RETURNS, COMMENTS ON PURPOSE OF VISIT

LD251800 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 25 Jun 81

[Text] Olof Palme, special envoy of the UN secretary general, arrived in Tehran this afternoon at the head of a delegation. He was welcomed at Mehrabad Airport by Ahmad Azizi, under secretary of international affairs and economy at the Foreign Ministry, and other Foreign Ministry officials.

Palme is in Tehran to end the Iraqi-imposed war on Iran after his earlier visits last week to Tehran and Baghdad. On his arrival at Mehrabad Airport, he gave an exclusive interview to our correspondent.

Commenting on his latest visit to Tehran, he said: I went to Baghdad after holding talks with Iranian officials. Having listened to both sides, I then arrived at a general conclusion. During the present trip, I wish to continue my talks with Iranian officials.

Referring to the outcome of his talks with Iraqi officials, he said: I now know the Iraqi Government's views. I shall try to pursue my talks at all levels, hoping they will culminate in peace.

Commenting on the views of Iranian officials, Olof Palme said: During my recent visit to Tehran, I held candid talks with Mr Rafsanjani, as before. I believe everyone wishes to find a solution, if possible. My duty here is to find a solution which would secure the legitimate interests of both sides.

In reply to another question put to him by our correspondent on whether he carries new proposals, Palme said: I do not wish to comment on this before talking with Iranian officials. I am sure you understand.

In reply to another question to the effect that, during his last visit he cited a political solution as a means of establishing peace, whereas the Iranian forces believe fighting should continue until victory is achieved, Palme said: Yes, if the country thinks so, then this is the road to peace. (?One) can always seek to continue the war as a solution; however, my objective is to see whether there is a legitimate and honorable solution through diplomatic channels. Within this framework, it is the two sides which will have to judge the situation, not me.

RAFSANJANI SPEAKS ON DIFFICULTIES FACING NATION

LD251344 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 25 Jun 81

[Excerpts] According to a Central News Bureau report, Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, arrived in Kerman this morning to inspect the earthquake-stricken areas of Golbaf. Here is our correspondent's report on the visit:

Following his arrival, Hashemi-Rafsanjani addressed a gathering of the Muslim people of Kerman in the airport lounge. He said: At the moment, you are fighting in various provinces of the country along 800 km of the border; you are enduring millions of refugees; internal counterrevolutionaries are creating disturbances after having gathered their forces over a number of years; events such as the earthquake in Golbaf, which you have witnessed, are taking place in the country. Nevertheless, the devoted, self-sacrificing people who are involved do not flinch and overcome all these problems.

The events which took place a few days ago in Tehran and when Bani-Sadr was dismissed made our enemies think they could create a bloodbath in Iran. However, you noticed that it created no more danger for the country than replacing a village governor.

On the contrary, in our view the country became more stable and the people more united. Instead of the people losing their morale or wavering, they became more confident that the future of the country is more assured. This is very important. Some people thought that if Bani-Sadr was not in the armed forces, difficulties would arise. God knows that the military commanders--for whom some people had designs--are saying: We now feel more at ease and we know our duty is to be with the people. We were saved from walking the tightrope which was imposed on us. The morale of our military personnel, the guards and the mobilization forces is much stronger now than it was 2 weeks ago and they are ready for war.

Alongside these problems there was another problem in the country on which our enemies from the East and West were counting: the existence of a military-political group of hypocrites by the name of Mojahedin-e Khalq. They used to say that one day they would be able to turn Iran into another Lebanon. Since the early days of the revolution they have plundered barracks, stealing weapons and amassing money. They deceived the young and told many outrageous lies. Our enemies thought that they possessed a great power. They prepared themselves in such a way that when the Majlis was to vote that Bani-Sadr was not politically competent, they would pour into the streets of various provincial cities and, with the cooperation of the [president's] coordination bureau, the monarchists, the National Front and other hostile groups, they would create a great disturbance and turmoil throughout the country while Bani-Sadr was in hiding so that we would be forced to mobilize the forces of the guards corps and the committees. However, the people themselves, the Hezbollahis, people like yourselves, neutralized their plots.

If you ask yourselves which forces you should move with, judge who were the people in the streets. God is your witness.

I heard the news that the mojahedin had poured into the streets at 1630, but at 1730, reports indicated that the people had come out of their homes and had scattered these people, that they were arresting them and handing them over to be imprisoned.

In a country facing such a situation we see that all of you, men, women and children are active, the reason being that you know the city is yours. You feel that the revolution is yours. There are some difficulties. Our country is engaged in war; it has suffered an earthquake; it is under an economic embargo; it has internal enemies; it had other difficulties which for 1 year caused a lot of trouble and destroyed and wasted our forces; the combination of these and other difficulties add to the difficulties of our country. However, when our enemies see that our people are as steadfast as the summit of Alborz Mountain in Tehran in the face of the winds blowing from the left and the right; that they break up and disperse these winds in the air; and that they have overcome difficulties, enemies and the conspiracies, they are amazed. They cannot analyze the situation in Iran. Our enemies are still giddy. They say: What a nation! They do not know what to make of the revolution which, by bare hands and the call of "God is great," destroyed the hellish regime of Mohammad Reza. They do not know what to make of the people's steadfastness following the revolution, people who, without having any experience of government, are solving the difficulties beseiging them from the left and the right, from the war, difficulties and conspiracies, and putting all these things behind them. The answer to such questions is difficult for those who do not understand Islam.

Remain active and optimistic, especially you, the people of Kerman, who are holding elections these days. You should show that you are active and regard the future as yours. With your participation you can solve any difficulty which befalls society. The situation is the same for you with regard to the government, the Majlis, the imam and the Muslim forces. There is no question of there being this man or that man, and there is no question of grade or official position.

All of us have started a venture together and, God willing, we will continue this venture until, God willing, we have cleansed the Middle East and the Islamic territories from the filth of the existence of the imperialists and foreign enemies; when we have expelled Israel and reactionary forces in the region from this area; when we have created a healthy, Islamic and humane existence free from favoritism, force, corruption and imposed difficulties; and will continue until the will of God--which is the sovereignty of the oppressed people and the masses--has been implemented and we have earned the satisfaction of God.

RAJA'I VISITS EAST AZARBAYJAN, HOLDS TALKS

LD252140 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 25 Jun 81

[Text] Prime Minister Raja'i arrived at the airport in Moghan this morning, accompanied by the minister of agriculture. The prime minister was welcomed at the airport and then made a short speech. Later, the prime minister visited the Moghan sugar factory, which is under construction, and the experimental farm for livestock husbandry in the region.

A PARS correspondent reports that Raja'i this afternoon inspected the central headquarters of tribal mobilization in Dasht-e Moghan. After investigating the problems and difficulties of this center, he made a speech [break in transmission] and said: You should perform your duties with your brother guards according to your responsibility. The revolution has increased people's expectations. God wants this revolution to move forward and you, as members of the corps, have a heavy responsibility in this matter.

This evening, the prime minister and his entourage visited the village of Firuzabad, on Iran's border with the Soviet Union, and assessed damages caused by the recent flooding. [break in transmission]

After visiting the border regions, Prime Minister Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i arrived in Tabriz tonight and was welcomed by the governor general of East Azarbayjan and local officials.

According to PARS, the prime minister then took part in a ceremony to honor the memory [break in transmission] Ayatollah Madani, the Friday imam of Tabriz, also took part in this ceremony which was held at the Sapidi mosque in the city.

The prime minister tonight took part in a meeting with the governor general, the managers and officials in charge of various offices and revolutionary establishments of the province, at the governor general's office. They reviewed various issues and problems of the region.

ECONOMIC DELEGATION VISITS SISTAN VA BALUCHESTAN

GF251714 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1430 GMT 25 Jun 81

[Text] A delegation that included a number of economic and Central Bank officials arrived in Zahedan today to study the economic situation in Sistan va Baluchestan Province. The delegation will stay in the province for awhile to study the possibility of investing capital and establishing industrial and agricultural centers there. The government has allocated 2 billion rials for construction projects in Sistan va Baluchestan.

MINISTER REQUESTS 1-WEEK ELECTION POSTPONEMENT

GF251904 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1820 GMT 25 Jun 81

[Excerpt] KEYHAN reports that political circles are discussing the possible candidates in the presidential election now that a date for the election has been fixed. There is much talk in these circles on the possibility of the nomination of Raja'i for this post.

The paper reports that in an interview yesterday Supreme Court President Dr Beheshti said the groups that follow the imam's line will nominate a joint candidate in the election. Dr Beheshti rejected the possibility of nominating himself or his colleagues for the presidency.

KEYHAN speculates that the Islamic Republican Party, the Mojahedin-e Enqelab-e Eslami organization and groups of clergymen will nominate a joint candidate for the presidency of the Islamic Republic.

The Interior Ministry has started preparing for the new presidential election. In an interview, Interior Minister Mahdavi-Kani said he had asked the provisional presidential council to postpone the election for 1 week so the Interior Ministry can carry out the necessary measures for the election.

KEYHAN adds: Political observers believe that the coming days will witness a new kind of activity by the political parties and organizations participating in the election.

MAJLIS BYELECTIONS BEGIN IN 19 DISTRICTS 26 JUN

GF260740 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0700 GMT 26 Jun 81

[Text] Sons of our Mislim and revolutionary nation in 19 cities and electoral districts went to the polls today to elect their representatives to the Majlis.

Our correspondents in 10 districts where byelections for the Majlis are being held report that there is heavy polling and that citizens are eagerly casting their votes.

These cities and election districts have not yet had representatives in the Majlis for various reasons such as the failure to hold elections in these areas, the annulment of election results or the rejection of the candidates elected on the grounds of incompetence.

KEYHAN: MOJAHEDIN VOW TO RESIST 'CLUB WIELDERS'

PM251056 Tehran KEYHAN in Persian 21 Jun 81 p 14

["Mojahedin-e Khalq-e Iran politico-military communique 25"; date not given]

[Excerpts] Following the savage raid on the home of Brother Mojahed Mehdi Abrishamchi, the Mojahedin-e Khalq-e Iran declares that it will henceforth resist such attacks with all its might.

On Tuesday 16 June reactionary lackeys supported by armed hooligans and club wielders carried out a raid on Mehdi Abrishamchi's home. After beating up and abusing the occupants, they carried off books and property.

Over the past few days, we have witnessed the unlawful detention of members of the president's coordination bureau, some of whose names have not been announced. Similarly, there are widespread plans to arrest all progressive leaders.

In voicing its protest at such counterrevolutionary and illegal acts, which also contravene the shariah, the Mojahedin-e Khalq hereby asks permission of the heroic people of Iran to use the most decisive measures it can, with God's help, to protect the lives of its members, especially the organization's central cadre, which may be considered a focal point for the people and the revolution.

Obviously, by virtue of this communique, responsibility for any occurrence during our revolutionary resistance will henceforth lie solely with the monopolist reactionaries and their club-wielding hooligans, who have attempted to implement the unfulfilled plan of the traitorous shah and the hated SAVAK to destroy the Mojahedin. It is therefore our intention that, whoever they are and in whatever guise they appear, they will receive the severest punishment and revolutionary penalties.

The Mojahedin-e Khalq-e Iran also reserves the right to give the perpetrators and instigators of such acts their just deserts at some future time if it is not possible to punish these criminals on the spot.

'CRIMINAL LACKEYS' ATTACK MAHABAD MOURNERS

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[Excerpt] Many of the committed and revolutionary people of Mahabad, who yesterday attended the glorious funeral ceremonies for the pure corpse of one of the martyred defenders of the bloody Islamic revolution, were sprayed by bullets fired by criminal minigroup lackeys. Our correspondent has sent a report to which we draw your attention:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The funeral of Martyr Khaled Boraqi, who had been martyred by lackeys of the defunct [Kurdish] Democratic Party in Mahabad, took place yesterday in Mahabad. The Muslim people of Mahabad, alongside their military and guard brothers, shouted slogans such as "Death to America," "Death to Democrats and the Komeleh" and "Death to Saddam." Suddenly criminal lackeys of the minigroups, using heavy and light weapons, opened fire on innocent people. As a result of this criminal act, six of the Muslim people of Mahabad were martyred and many were wounded. They were hospitalized in the town's Red Crescent hospital. At the moment there is no accurate information on the number of wounded in the incident. During this savage act by the mercenaries, the governor of Mahabad, who was at the front of the procession, was shot in the leg. His condition is satisfactory. After receiving treatment at the hospital, he made a television appearance to relate details of this inhuman act to the people of Mahabad.

According to the latest reports, six brother guards were also injured during the incident. Their condition is satisfactory.

Eight Executed

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[Text] By verdict of the Islamic Revolution Court of Mahabad, eight counterrevolutionaries and members of the illegal armed groups were executed by a firing squad in Urumiyeh at dawn this morning on charges of armed uprising against the Islamic Republic of Iran and opening fire on the defenseless people of this region.

JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE 549 ON LATEST FIGHTING

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[Communique 549 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Some operations of the self-sacrificing combatants of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran on battlefronts during the past 24 hours are brought to your attention as follows:

Yesterday, in a coordinated attack by the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the brother guards on Iraqi positions in the region of Dezful, 3 enemy tanks and three ammunition dumps were destroyed and around 50 personnel of the Iraqi forces were killed. During these operations six Iraqi personnel were taken prisoner by the forces of Islam.

On another front in the same region, warriors of the ground forces opened fire, destroying one tank and two machinegun emplacements of the Iraqi Armed Forces; another enemy tank and one cannon were damaged.

On the Abadan, Mahshahr, Khuninshahr and Darkhovin fronts, the combatants of Islam set ablaze and destroyed 6 tanks, 1 personnel carrier, 1 cannon, 12 machineguns, 5 ammunition stores and 1 enemy motor vehicle. The enemy returned the fire, and six of our vehicles were damaged.

Yesterday the enemy opened long-range artillery fire on residential areas of Abadan and Ahvaz and inflicted some damage.

In the western region of Karkheh, our powerful forces succeeded in destroying one personnel carrier of the aggressors and in damaging an enemy tank. Several Iraqi personnel were either killed or wounded.

Exchange of fire continued on the western fronts between the brave defenders of the Islamic homeland of Iran and the enemy. On the Chaghalvand-Anarak front, warriors of the gendarmerie opened fire, destroying one enemy mortar and four trenches and foxholes and either killing or wounding several Iraqi invaders.

In Quch-e Soltan, as a result of our fire one enemy vehicle carrying a cannon was damaged, and the cannon ceased firing.

Yesterday, an artillery unit of the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran opened fire on an enemy patrol group near Khormal and killed some of its personnel.

On 23 June, six warriors of the Ground Forces, two combatants of the Navy and four brave heroes of the Gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran gained the exalted status of martyrdom on the battlefronts and joined their God; may their souls be always happy.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

GUARDS CORPS COMMUNIQUE ON FIGHTING IN WEST, SOUTH

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[Communique issued by the Public Relations Office of the central headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps]

[Summary] Reports on the operations carried out by our combatants:

[A. The western fronts:

Yesterday, in Quch-e Soltan, 3 vehicles and 2 tanks belonging to the enemy were destroyed and 10 of his forces were either killed or wounded. In Khormal, in Iraq, four vehicles were destroyed and six Iraqi mercenaries were killed. On the same day, two heights northwest of Marivan were recaptured by our forces. In (Harginah), in Iraq, one enemy tank was destroyed and its three crewmembers were killed. On 23 June our forces bases in the martyr 'Ebadat area destroyed one ammunition vehicle, one fuel tanker and one observation post belonging to the Iraqis. On 24 June, on one of the Nowsud fronts, 30 Iraqi mercenaries were killed and several of the enemy's slit trenches were destroyed. In the past 3 days, 24 Iraqis and members of the Kurdish Democratic Party, together with their weapons, have given themselves up to the army of Islam in various areas.

B. The southern fronts:

In the past 2 days our forces have carried out crushing offensives on various southern fronts. In the occupied zone in Khuninshahr and on the Mehriz front, several enemy trenches have been destroyed and several Ba'thists have been either killed or wounded. On the Kut ash-Shaykh front the revolution guards' mortar fire stopped the movements of Saddam's army and inflicted losses and casualties on the enemy.

'HEAVY' ENEMY ATTACK STOPPED IN KERMANSHAH

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[Text] According to a PARS report, with the artillery fire of the ground forces of the armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran the enemy's heavy operations on the fronts of Dasht-e Zahab, Cham-e Emam Hasan and (Tang-e Qasemabad) launched today were thwarted.

These operations took place following the operations carried out yesterday by our brave combatants, as a result of which one of the enemy's artillery batteries, consisting of two guns and their crew was destroyed in (Tang-e Qasemabad) is situated in an area between Gilan-e Gharb, Qasr-e Shirin and Zahab.

The artillery commander of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, who is based on the Zahab front, considers these operations to be unprecedented in the past 2 weeks. According to him, heavy losses and casualties were inflicted on the enemy in today's clashes in this region. No statistics are available yet.

VOICE OF IRAN REPORTS ON BALUCHESTAN CLASHES

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[Text] One of our correspondents reports from Baluchestan that brave and patriotic Baluchi combatants raided Rimdan base near Chah Bahar killing three resisting gendarmes and wounding others. Meanwhile, the commander of the brave Baluchis told our correspondent that two revolution guards were killed in a raid by Baluchi combatants on the headquarters of Khomeyni's hireling revolution guards in (Qurbaghu) and that they wounded and arrested a few more of these traitors. (Qurbaghu) region is located at the estuary where the river runs into the sea. Our correspondent reports that one of Baluchi commanders has stated: We declared in our last statement that we oppose any conflict with our brothers in the armed forces and gendarmerie--but in the Rimdan incident it was the gendarmes who opened fire on the Baluchi fighters and when the Baluchis returned the fire in self-defense, three gendarmes were killed.

VOICE OF IRAN ON AIR FORCE ANTIREGIME STATEMENT

NC251310 (Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian 1805 GMT 24 Jun 81

[Text] One of our correspondents reports that in a statement secretly distributed in Tehran, the class two technicians of the air force announced that they will soon rise in rebellion against the dictatorship and suppression of Ruhollah Khomeyni and his associates. The statement has been issued by the council of the Iranian class two air force technicians.

Our correspondent was able to contact one of the technicians, who said: Following our statement, most of the Islamic Republic's group flights have been stopped and Raja'i's fundamentalist government has stationed his revolution guards in most air force bases in order to terrify the class two technicians.